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RE: U.S. Patent Application Entitled: *METHODS TO IDENTIFY SIGNAL SEQUENCES*
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Transmitted herewith for filing is a 101-page patent specification including 113 claims, 190 page sequence listing and an abstract. Also included is Figure 1-1 on 1 sheet. The specification and drawings constitute the application of Jonathan M. Graff, Matthew Muenster and Deborah Allan for the captioned invention.

Also transmitted herewith is a diskette containing the computer-readable form of those sequences in the specification, a Statement as Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), and a separate paper copy of the sequence listing.

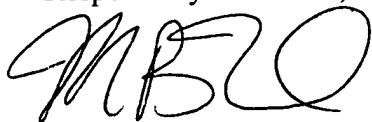
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